

Home Hut  
Native Flora Reserve  
Alice Springs  
12.9.70-

Dear Yabbula John,

Yes. I would feel indignant if (for no valid reason) "a friend" sent me a type-written letter. I agree with your mother's view on it.

But you seem to forget the meaning of YABBULA! It is Grandson + Grandmother (on maternal side)

I don't know if you have a living Grandmother on your mother's or Father's side of family?

If you have not, you have missed a lot of "spoiling"!!

Grandmothers - if of the right kind - do that a lot!

My "Pink" Grandmother did <sup>with</sup> me. (But not the Kerr (P.C.) one.)

So if my "grandson" (shocking <sup>relationship</sup> when a Spinster!) sends me such a delightful (typed) letter as that of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, I shall excuse it being typed. The exception to all rules.  
\* Except - that on my Birthday (March 17<sup>th</sup>) + Xmas - no Xmas card or present are to be sent - ONLY

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2 - A "two words to the acre" <sup>type</sup> written  
wishes to say there is no news...

I have had two letters from Hai <sup>recently</sup>  
One since W. Tom Giblin (her cousin)  
from Hobart - accompanied by two women  
one (I think) his wife? + one born a  
Giblin (as Hai's mother was.) But it  
is a bit confusing about them.

- I am going to find out if one was
- (1) unmarried (or young widow)
  - (2) "easy on the eyes" (your wording, taught  
tone)
  - (3) of suitable age

As I want you to marry into the  
Giblin family <sup>(full of doctors!!!)</sup> (how I wish Hai had  
been young! - As she is a dear.)

You did not tell me you had a male  
doctor-assistant! - Only W. Wendy (lovely  
name!) O'Sullivan. Has she a husband?

Hai said he met a "charming" doctor -  
who took him <sup>(Tom)</sup> over the "Leprosy Hospital" -  
He is very interested in his work & <sup>Tom</sup> found him  
"a very charming young man"!!! So that

Can't have been you! Who was it?

Re "Bleeding Heart" plant, (As it only  
I think grows in places like England +  
Tasmania (COLD) I think you are inventing  
- about being plenty in Darwin

3 I think, too, you are purposely inventing the name (of something else)

Dorever wrote that it was my "favourite flower". It was <sup>meant as</sup> a reproach to you for sparing me only 2 hours! Not the action of a "charming" (old) man! (I'd like to meet the young one, Dr Tom Eublin did).

If you are writing a "Report" (Analytical) about your Leprosy work & think I could understand medical terms may I have a copy? I was shocked (for your sake) that you wondered "are we doing any good or not".

Does that mean with treatment? - Or re-infection from Malay - Indonesian or other sources? Or are some (untreated) ones keeping in bush & breeding?

Aborigines seem to be rather "Picking over the traces" - down here. (are they in Darwin?)

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I was very pleased with  
of own  
Yabulla.  
when you can  
see back

Have you had a chance to talk  
with "Dr." (Sociology) Stanner from  
Canberra? (He knows a lot.)

And did you meet a Heart  
Specialist from Adelaide —  
Dr. John McPhie?

(Portrait Darwin News Aug 20<sup>th</sup>)  
He looks extremely intelligent  
& I did want to meet him  
in regard to Aboriginals being  
mainly heart sufferers.

I wonder is that occupational?  
I wanted to ask him about  
Johnny, — as we have to have  
a lot of (iron) droppers <sup>to</sup> sent in  
here & Johnny has to hit them  
("in") with the back of an axe <sup>from</sup>  
above his head. I don't trust <sup>have</sup>  
opinion of local doctors. — But would  
liked very much for him to <sup>have</sup> examined  
Johnny's heart? (That may be <sup>the</sup>  
cause of his present mood.)  
(So different to "usual")  
He goes on 3 weeks "leave" on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. (Then  
I shall have other worried. (Humbards?)  
— As "gardeners".

P.S. I forget if I ever told you  
that I have an aboriginal name?  
(as well as "Stein"-Tambijinta) It  
is ~~Talgarri~~ Talghinjiz.

I wonder does it mean "the  
shrew" ??? Talgarri is "to  
scold"!!  
in Walbri

Have you a native name?  
And how old are you?  
When is your birthday?

You did not  
Answer that  
when I asked.

"No (more) news"!!!

Did you say  
"Thank goodness"!

What?  
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do as  
cannot  
one  
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the use of

I must now write  
to nai + to Rev. Flemming, about  
a gardener from Yuendumu for  
time Johnny is on leave.

P.S. I think your mother would also have  
said: no well educated person was undertaking  
of words: exclamation marks many brackets  
And I am certain my English teacher at every  
Superior School - would have told me. And what is  
Rat at times - I like to write part letters. And what is  
the use of